

"I was born with a disability and have lived at home with my parents all my life. Now my parents are older and soon will need help themselves. What are my choices?"



"I have been living in a nursing home since my recent surgery, but I want to move back home. I can not do some of the things I used to be able to do. Can you help me?"



"I became disabled after my stroke and now I need help to continue living on my own."



"I am 75 years old and living in a nursing home. None of my family lives nearby. Is my only option to continue living here?"

Community Partnerships

The Delaware Passport to Independence will partner with and enlist the expertise of diverse state agencies, advocacy organizations, providers of long term care, individual consumers and other interested stakeholders to carry out this project.

DSAAPD is working with:

Independent Resources Inc.
Freedom Center for Independent Living
Carelink
Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore
State Council for Independent Living
Delaware State Housing Authority
Division of Public Health
Division of Long Term Care Resident Protection
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Division of Developmental Disabilities Services
Division for the Visually Impaired
Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Division of Social Services - Medicaid
Division of Management Services
State Council for Persons with Disabilities
Delaware Health Care Facilities Association
Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative and others.

Introducing ...

Delaware Passport to Independence



**Helping Delaware residents
make informed choices about
their long term care**

A pilot project of -



**DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES**
DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING AND
ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

About the Delaware Passport to Independence

The Delaware Passport to Independence is a federally-funded pilot project led by Delaware Health and Social Services' Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD). The project reflects the Division's long-standing commitment to fostering self-determination among older persons and persons with disabilities.

Purpose

The overall goal of the Delaware Passport to Independence is to identify, inform and assist nursing home residents, especially those who are Medicaid-eligible, who want to move to a new home. We will offer individualized case management to accomplish this goal.



Project Oversight

A Grant Oversight Committee, that includes statewide and consumer representation, is assisting DSAAPD in:

- discussing transition issues with nursing home residents, their family members and staff so that residents can make informed choices;
- providing assessments and planning for individuals who are interested in transitioning to a new home;
- training agency staff, hospital discharge personnel, medical professionals and other interested persons about available community living options;
- identifying needed services to successfully live in the community.

Project Goals

- Identify nursing home residents who want to move out of a nursing home and assess their level of needed supports for them to successfully live in a new home.
- Provide daily living and advocacy skills training to interested residents to improve their ability to manage their own lives and make good decisions;.
- Identify housing and support services for residents to utilize after transitioning.
- Identify ways for residents to pay for the services they need.
- Increase the amount of home care workers who assist residents in their new homes and develop support and training for the workers.



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